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2. Applicant is the owner of all rights in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/840,937. Applicant certifies that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/840,937 by virtue of an assignment from the inventors of the patent application, the assignment recorded with the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 012236, Frame 0726.
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16. Applicant is the owner of all rights in U.S. Patent No. 6,607,033. Applicant certifies that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in U.S. Patent No. 6,607,033 by virtue of an assignment from the inventors of the patent application, the assignment recorded with the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 012264, Frame 0534.

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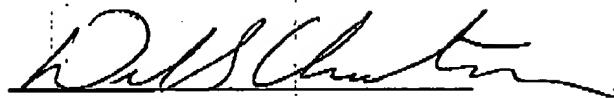
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70. A fee authorization for the required fee is attached.

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